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TAKE NOTE

Blood drive Feb. 3

The next McClellan blood drive is scheduled for Feb. 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the community center. Eat and drink plenty of fluids before you donate. Bring photo ID. For more information, call Capt. Mark Weber at 643-5788.

Awards banquet

The final annual awards banquet is set for Feb. 17 at the McClellan Community Center at 6 p.m. For tickets call your orderly room. Cost is \$17 per person.

RT cards available

Commuter Cards for 2000 are being issued at the Trip Reduction Office, Bldg. 269D. McClellan employees can obtain them Mondays and Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. For more information, call Al Armfield at 643-0931, ext. 7.

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"Completing the mission of McClellan Air Force Base with professionalism and honor"

Deputy chief of chaplains speaks at McClellan's National Prayer Breakfast

By Sandra Kosmatin

Staff Writer

McClellan's final celebration of the National Prayer Breakfast will be observed Feb. 7, 7 a.m. at the community center.

This year's guest speaker is Brig. Gen. Lorraine K. Potter, deputy chief of chaplain service.

The theme of this year's breakfast is "Who do you serve?," said Capt. Brian McCormack, base chaplain.

"As we enter a new year and a new millennium, this is a most important question as we review both personal and professional commitments and priorities. As military members it is assumed we are serving our nation and the principles of democracy and freedom," said Potter.

"It is the strength of character that we as individuals and as a nation that gives us the courage to do what is required to promote human dignity and freedom for all," she added.

Potter assists the chief of the chaplain service in directing and maintaining a trained, equipped and professional chaplain service. This includes more than 2,350 active duty, guard, and reserve chaplains, enlisted support personnel and civilians. Together they provide opportunities for the free exercise of religion to all Air Force personnel and their families.

Since her commissioning in 1973 Potter has served at every installation and command level within the Department of Defense — wing, major command, headquarters USAF and secretary of defense.

"I came into the Air Force to do ministry



Brig. Gen. Lorraine K. Potter, deputy chief of chaplain service

and have found the opportunities to be beyond expectation. The Lord and the Air Force have blessed me beyond measure," Potter said.

The National Prayer Breakfast is sponsored by the U.S. Senate and House prayer groups. The purpose of the event is to bring together the leadership of the nation in recognition of the moral and religious values upon which our country is founded and to reaffirm faith and dependency on God.

Originally, this event was known as the Presidential Prayer Breakfast. In 1970 the name was changed to "The National Prayer Breakfast" to emphasize the purpose of the gathering rather than the individuals involved.

Tickets are \$3 and can be purchased through the base chapel or each unit's first sergeant.

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Reserved parking

Q I do not see any reason to have reserved parking at the commissary. This includes the disabled. Some of the so-called disabled/handicapped are more fit than I am. Many of them are abusing the privilege with phony handicap stickers and lying on the DD Form 214.

Colonels and chief master sergeants do not need them either. They hardly ever shop at the commissary. Everyone should be equal. Thank you.

A Thank-you for your concern regarding this matter. Not all disabilities are readily observable. It is possible you may have seen a person using a handicapped parking space who, in reality, may have had a disability even though it is not readily visible.



The installation does its best to comply with federal disabilities acts, to include designating spaces for the handicapped and making facilities accessible to disabled people.

We feel that in addition to complying with the law, it is just good policy. As for senior officers and enlisted personnel, there is a great demand for their time and having this parking available helps them out a great deal.

The reserved parking space is authorizing the vehicle with a O-6 or E-9 decal to park in these spaces. If an individual does not have this sticker on their vehicle they

are not authorized to park in that space. It is also authorized by SM-ALC Supplement 1 to AFI 31-204.

In cases where there is doubt or you feel a person is abusing the use of a handicapped place, call the law enforcement desk sergeant at 643-3939 and they will investigate.

Urgent road work

Q Just inside Peacekeeper Gate, there is a small trench that cuts across the incoming lanes.

Over time, this trench has been deepening as the asphalt apparently has been settling or deteriorating. Even though we are within 18 months of closure, it would be helpful if this trench could be refilled. It's getting to the point that driving over the trench each day could cause damage to the vehicles entering the base. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

A Thank you for your observations as to the roadway conditions Northwest of Bldg. 15, Peacekeeper Gate guardhouse. In surveying this area, it has been noted that settling has occurred resulting in a deviation of pavement surface.



An urgent job order has been submitted to appropriate contractors for action. Again, thank you for your observations and concerns for roadway conditions and vehicle safety.

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"Completing the mission of McClellan AFB with professionalism and honor"

Air Force identity, symbol in transition

By Senior Airman A.J. Bosker
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON—As the Air Force continues its transition to the expeditionary aerospace force, it is focusing its identity to help with recruiting and retention in the new millennium.

As part of this effort, officials said they are working to establish a single, compelling theme and symbol to represent the Air Force to its members and the public.

"We want to ensure our core identity is part of our culture and is understood by our own people and the citizens we serve," said Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Air Force chief of staff. "We know who we are and what we do," he said. "We want others to know, and we want them to support our Air Force."

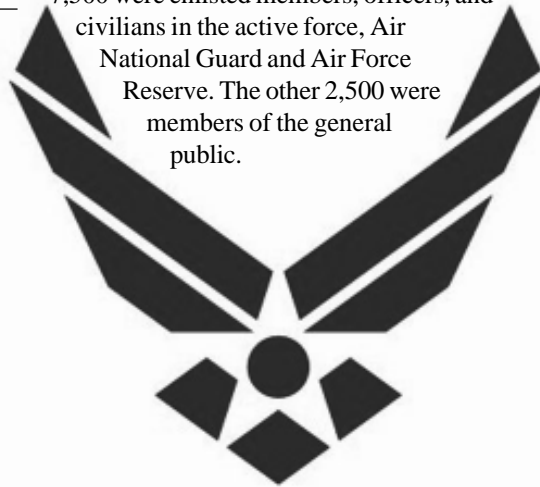
Secretary of the Air Force Whit Peters said, "We know Air Force men and women take great pride in what they do. Our identity effort crystallizes what they're thinking. It will foster unity in the Air Force and help the American public understand the worthy work we do—from fighting the nation's wars to peacekeeping to humanitarian relief."

With the help of a private corporate identity firm, Siegel & Gale, the Air Force spent the past year conducting research among the service and the public to capture the common elements of its identity that have great meaning to bind its people together.

The Air Force committed approximately \$150,000 to research internal and external audiences to determine current understanding and beliefs held about the Air Force, and approximately \$655,000 to hire Siegel & Gale to help interpret the research and ensure its identity is effectively communicated to Air Force members and potential recruits.

The Air Force has conducted seven surveys, held 68 focus groups and interviewed 13 retired four-star generals

and 110 other people. Input has been taken from about 10,000 people. Of this number, 7,500 were enlisted members, officers, and civilians in the active force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve. The other 2,500 were members of the general public.



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The research was used to find strengths and weaknesses in Air Force identity. Research also showed that instead of one unifying theme, the Air Force has many different ways of expressing its identity. In addition, there was little consistency in the visual representation of the Air Force.

Siegel & Gale identified the four prevailing themes that emerged from the research: individual achievement, intelligence and technology, core values, and mission. They recommended the focus of the identity be the vital mission the Air Force performs around the world, because it was the theme that surfaced with the most passion throughout the research. The other three themes will support the mission focus, Rand said.

In characterizing the mission, Siegel & Gale concluded the Air Force is a world-class, mission-ready organization. From this, they recommended the theme "World Ready." They also devised a symbol that captured both the heritage and future of the Air Force. These were presented to Air Force leaders in November. After much

discussion, the secretary and chief of staff asked that more development work be done on both the theme and the symbol.

While theme alternatives are still in development, the proposed symbol updates the Hap Arnold wings and star with a more modern, angular design.

"Many people believe the Hap Arnold emblem is the official Air Force symbol, but it isn't," said Col. Ron Rand, Air Force director of public affairs. "We don't have an official symbol, and never have had one. With the transition to the EAF and a new millennium, our leadership decided the timing is right to modernize our identity and give us an official symbol which will preserve the heritage of the Arnold wings."

During research, Air Force and public audiences saw various meanings in the new design.

"Most saw an eagle in flight and a medal of valor," he said. "Enlisted members saw their stripes and officers related to the star. Air Force people and civilians alike identified the new symbol with the Air Force's leading edge, aerospace mission."

Don't expect to see changes throughout the Air Force immediately, according to Rand. "There are no final decisions on any of this yet," he said. "We're still working through all the options on the development of the theme, the use of the symbol, and the implementation of both."

"There is no intent to repaint the fleet or change all our base signs overnight," Ryan said. "When we reach a final decision on our identity, we're going to try it on for awhile as we develop a plan to roll it out with minimal disruption and cost."

"The Air Force is a fast-paced, fun, tough, and rewarding environment. It's about teamwork; patriotic service and belonging to a world-class organization ready to respond anywhere in the world in a matter of hours. That's what we're trying to communicate. My hope is that this identity effort will do that," Peters said.

Technology

Electronic mail: good vs. bad

By Jennifer Vargas
Staff Writer

"I told myself it [using the computer] was okay because I'm only using it after working hours; I'm not causing a loss to the government — the computer won't be used up because the hard drive can be erased and used again and again; I'm not making any money by what I'm doing; and besides, I know other people in my work center who are doing it."

This is what Capt. William D. Hopkins, Jr., 88th Communications Group, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, wrote in a letter prior to being sentenced to nine months confinement, a \$10,000 fine and a reprimand for conduct unbecoming an officer consisting of wrongfully and dishonorably using Air Force computer and telecommunications equipment.

Now, courtesy of the Air Force, comes "rules of the road" for those out on the increasingly crowded information highway. These can be found in instruction, AFI 33-119, E-Mail Management and Use.

"E-mail has a great many advantages — it's fast and it can get messages to numerous people," said Scott Beatty, 70th Communications Squadron NT Exchange lead. "But, you've got to use common sense, too."

Though some personal use of e-mail can be authorized by a supervisor who is a commissioned officer or civilian above GS/GM-11 in a worker's chain of command, the bulk of e-mail traffic should be for official use, explained Beatty.

Supervisors do not, however, have complete discretion in the matter. They must look to the joint ethics regulation,

the Air Force instruction and any major-command or unified combatant command policies for specific guidance.

Some examples of authorized personal e-mail use include brief communications made by Department of Defense employees while traveling on government business to notify family members of official transportation or schedule changes; Personal communications from the DOD employee's usual work place most reasonably made while at the work place. This includes checking in with a spouse or minor children; scheduling doctor and auto or home repair appointments; brief internet searches and e-mailing directions to visiting relatives.

Personal e-mail should not interfere with performance of official duties. It should be brief and made during an employee's personal time whenever possible. All e-mail communications should be polite, respectful and professional.

"Bottom line — if you want to send a lunch invite to your buddy across the base, fine — but don't use the computer for purposes that reflect adversely on the Air Force such as pornography, chain letters or messages that defame the Air Force," Beatty explained.

Federal civilian employees and military personnel must also abide by other e-mail edicts. These include operational and computer security directives; protection of classified, Privacy Act and sensitive information; proper management of messages that are federal records; formats; and the Freedom of Information Act.

(Air Force News Service contributed to this story).

E-MAIL DO'S AND DON'TS

Do's

- ☞ Read and trash files daily. Create a directory on your hard drive to keep mailbox files at a minimum.
- ☞ Sign off the computer when you leave.
- ☞ Reply to specific addressees to give those not interested a break.
- ☞ Send messages with attachments or a group address before or after normal duty hours.
- ☞ Reply to sender with a "thanks," "done," etc.
- ☞ Remember that network, like the phone, is subject to monitoring. Your E-mail is saved on backup tapes and servers.
- ☞ Follow the chain of command procedures to correspond with superiors.
- ☞ Use greetings and closings. Include in your closings: name, rank, position, organization, Internet and commercial address, and telephone number.
- ☞ Use positive tone. Treat others as you want to be treated. Use tact.
- ☞ Use 12 point or larger font size. Use easy to read fonts and save the script fonts for your signature.
- ☞ Use the following "emotions" (facial expressions) or abbreviations, but use them sparingly.
- ☞ :-) — funny
- ☞ ; ^) — satire or sarcasm
- ☞ BRB — be right back
- ☞ BTW — by the way
- ☞ CU — see you (as in see you later)
- ☞ FWIW — for what it's worth
- ☞ IMHO — in my humble or honest opinion
- ☞ IMNSHO — in my-not-so-humble opinion
- ☞ KEWL — cool, nifty, keen, boss (pick your own decade)
- ☞ LOL — Laugh out loud (it's a way to tell folks you laughed at their last comment)

Don'ts

- ☞ SHOUT (use of all capital letters)
- ☞ Get too creative or use unnecessary graphics.
- ☞ Use it for personal ads
- ☞ Discuss controversial, sensitive, official use only, classified, personal, privacy act or unclassified information.

Valentine Love Baskets



The Combat Logistics Support Squadron Unit Advisory Council is selling Love Baskets for Valentines Day. Choices include a flower arrangement with two carnations, a filler flower, leather ferns, two balloons and a card for \$5; a Valentine's Day mug filled with candies or flowers, two balloons and a special card for \$5; or both items for \$9.

Orders will be accepted through Feb. 14.

Deliveries are available to all organizations on base and Capehart housing area. To place an order, call Senior Airman Erica Dupree at 643-1177, Master Sgt. Katie Bryan at 643-6225, Tech. Sgt. Tanya Susong at 643-6639, stop by Bldg. 343 in the Supply and Transportation Office, or send an e-mail to Erica.Perry@McClellan.af.mil and include name, phone number and a brief message.

NEWS BRIEFS**Outdoor recreation hours**

Outdoor recreation's new hours of operation are as follows: Monday, Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturdays and holidays 8 to 11 a.m.; Wednesdays and Sundays, closed. Though hours are limited, services will continue. This winter's seasonal equipment rentals include snow mobiles, snowboards, skis, tire chains, snow shoes, sleds, saucers and much more. For rental information, call 643-5067.

Housing crossmoves

Military family housing residents can take advantage of open season through Sunday to apply for a crossmove in military housing areas. Closure cadre personnel will have first priority for crossmoves, followed by non-closure personnel and non-SM-ALC affiliated personnel. Non-closure cadre personnel and non SM-ALC affiliated personnel will move at their own expense. For more information, call 643-6221.

Cholesterol class at HAWC

February is American Heart Month and the McClellan Health and Wellness Center along with the Foundation Health Federal Health Services is offering a class titled, "Cholesterol: The Building Blocks of Heart Disease" Feb. 24 from noon to 1:30 p.m. The class will be held at the HAWC, Rafferty Hall, Bldg. 1403, 2nd floor, for all interested active duty, dependents, retirees and Department of Defense civilians.

A complimentary cholesterol screening will be available. For more information and to register, call 643-4648.

ALS graduation Feb. 4

The Airman Leadership School Class 00B will graduate Feb. 4, 2:30 p.m. at the community center. Duty uniform is appropriate. For further information, call 643-5879.

What's your value?***New nurse managed cholesterol clinic***

The 77th Medical Group now offers a cholesterol clinic for active duty military members.

Dyslipidemia, high cholesterol, is a silent killer. Many Americans are affected by it and unfortunately many do not even know they have a problem, and of those that do, many do not have adequate control.

Knowing your cholesterol levels and taking preventive measures to maintain "good" cholesterol levels or decrease "bad" levels can help reduce the risk of coronary artery disease, such as heart attacks or sudden death, and stroke and peripheral vascular disease.

Fifty percent of Americans have a total cholesterol number greater than 200. There are 500,000 deaths annually from myocardial

infarction, heart attack

The cholesterol clinic is available to provide you with the information and resources you need to maintain or develop healthy cholesterol levels. All active duty members are encouraged to have their cholesterol values checked if it has not been checked within the last year. No appointment is necessary. Just stop by the clinic's laboratory and have your blood drawn. The Cholesterol Clinic manager will contact you with the results within one week. Cholesterol Clinic services is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If you have any questions or would like further information contact the Primary Care Clinic at 643-8301 for assistance. (*Submitted by the 77th Medical Group*)

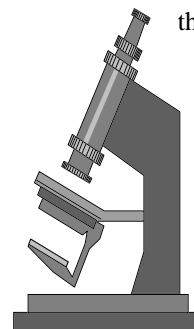
Future military medicine to focus more on prevention

By Staff Sgt. Brian Orban
35th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Military medicine in the 21st century is expected to undergo major changes from traditional practices and focus more on early prevention, according to the Air Force surgeon general.

Lt. Gen. Paul Carlton, Jr. said the Air Force of tomorrow will stop placing as much emphasis on surgery, medicine, pediatrics, nursing and other health practices, and put more emphasis on helping people maintain healthy lifestyles and their overall physical state.

The general, who serves as the senior advisor on matters pertaining to



the health of Air Force people, said this change in medical care focuses on early detection and treatment versus waiting for ailments to strike patients. He added the plan is very similar to how the service maintains its aircraft fleet.

Likewise, the Air Force's medical corps of tomorrow will focus a great deal more on prevention to help people live healthier, while taking a more aggressive stance to treat medical conditions, like diabetes and hypertension. At the same time, the Air Force and the Department of Defense won't let their guard down to improve people's access to quality health care through the TRICARE program. As the military program matures, Carlton said the services continue to identify and iron out the problems in the system.

To read this story in its entirety, visit www.af.mil and click on the news icon. (AFPN)

Retirement goes high tech

■ Online calculator guides future military retirees

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department has unveiled an online calculator designed to help service members decide which military retirement plan is best for them.

The site, www.pay2000.dtic.mil/bottom_ret.html, will help service members compare future benefits under the Redux and the High-3 retirement systems.

The year 2000 Defense Authoriza-

tion Act reformed the military retirement system. The retired pay reform in the act gives a choice to service members subject to the Redux retirement system — all those who entered the service on or after Aug. 1, 1986 — who reach their 15th year of service beginning in 2001.

To use the calculator, click on the "You decide — A personalized calculator" link on the Retirement Choice Web page. Then on the Personalized Retirement Calculator page you click on the "Proceed to the Retirement Calculator" link and then fill in information.

To view this story in its entirety, visit www.af.mil and click on the news icon. (AFPN)

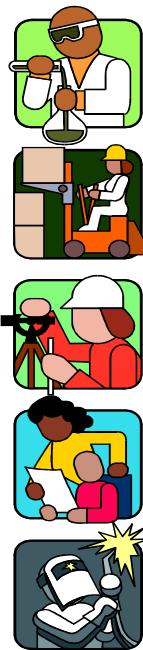
Mark your calendar

Boost your marketability at next week's job fair and workshop

Sacramento Employment Training Agency and the County of Sacramento are sponsoring a job fair Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon in the community center. Following the job fair workshops will also be conducted between 1 and 4 p.m.

The job fair will feature representatives from as many as 40 county departments to discuss vacancies and opportunities within their departments. Don't miss this opportunity at the workshops to learn more about how best to prepare yourself for employment opportunities in the county.

For additional information call Greg Eason at 643-5661. Administrative leave is not authorized for this function.



FOCUS CENTER

This section contains some of the job announcements available at the McClellan Air Force Base FOCUS Center. For additional information, contact FOCUS Center #1 at 643-5661. FOCUS #1 is open until 7 p.m. Thursdays.

■ **Position:** Electrician, WB-2810-00 (\$25.69 - \$26.76)

Annc#: SNR-00-02

Close: Feb. 11

Location: Byron, CA (Near Stockton)

Agency: Department of Energy

POC: (916) 353-4566

Remarks: Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSA's and/or additional information.

■ **Position:** Apprentice Electrician, WB-2810-00 (\$17.39 - \$26.76)

Annc#: SNR-00-03

Close: Feb. 11

Location: Byron, CA (Near Stockton)

Agency: Department of Energy

POC: (916) 353-4566

Remarks: Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSA's and/or additional information.

■ **Position:** Contract Specialist, GS-1102-11

Annc#: 2000-044-ICP

Close: Feb. 4

Location: Alameda, CA

Agency: US Coast Guard

POC: (800) 842-2740

Remarks: Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSA's and/or additional information.

■ **Position:** Computer Specialist, GS-344-13

Annc#: RO-00-08

Close: Today

Location: San Francisco, CA

Agency: Dept of Treasury

POC: (202) 874-7090

Remarks: Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSA's and/or additional information.

■ **Position:** Supervisory Personnel Management Specialist, GS-201-13

Annc#: BOR-MP-00-15

Close: Feb. 11

Location: Sacramento, CA

Agency: Bureau of Reclamation

POC: Inga Hall (916) 978-5471

Remarks: Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSA's and/or additional information.

NON FEDERAL JOBS

■ **Position:** Office Assistant I

Salary: \$1,432 - \$1,740 per month

Close: Friday

Agency: El Dorado County

POC: (530) 621-5565

Remarks: Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for additional information.

■ **Position:** Administrative Clerk, Secretary, Clerk/Senior Clerk, Police Clerk

Salary: \$2,037 - \$2,487 per month

Close: Feb. 11

Location: West Sacramento, CA

Agency: City of West Sacramento

Remarks: Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for additional information.

■ **Position:** Building Maintenance Worker

Salary: \$2,726 - \$2,992 per month

Close: Today

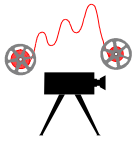
Location: Sacramento, CA

Agency: State of California

POC: (916) 227-7858

Remarks: Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for additional information.

Movies



Movies start at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, in Bldg. 1417. Movies are subject to change.

The World is Not Enough - Friday and Saturday

Starring: Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau, Denise Richards

Debonair British Spy Agent 007 is back. After the death of a British oil tycoon and a friend at M16 headquarters, James Bond is assigned the task of bodyguard to the tycoon's beautiful daughter, Elektra. He must race to diffuse an international power struggle with the world's oil supply hanging in the balance. The villain Renard, who has a bullet lodged in his brain rendering him unable to feel pain, sets up a plan with Elektra to stop Bond. (PG-13 - some sexuality and violence)

Three Kings - Sunday

Starring: George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg

A band of American soldiers in Iraq at the end of the Gulf War embark on a treasure hunt for a huge cache of gold, reportedly buried somewhere near their desert base. (R - language, violence and sexuality)

Youth Center

■ **Today:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 2-3 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-6 p.m.; advanced gymnastics, 3:15-4:15 p.m.; Tae Bo aerobics, 6:15-7:15 p.m., ages 11 and up, free.

■ **Friday:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 2-6 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-6 p.m.; Pre-teen night, ages 9-12, 6:30-9 p.m., members free, nonmembers \$2.

■ **Saturday:** Open recreation and snack bar from noon-5 p.m. Basketball games begin at 10 a.m. Teen night, 6-10 p.m., ages 13-18, members free, nonmembers \$2.

■ **Sunday:** Closed

■ **Monday:** Open gym, recreation and snack bar, 2-6 p.m.

■ **Tuesday:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 4:15-6 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-6 p.m.; beginning gymnastics, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

■ **Wednesday:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 2-5:15 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-6 p.m.; beginning dance lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m.



Reduce, reuse, recycle!
Pass this newsletter
on to a friend.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tony Schmidt

Jean Pritchard, registered nurse at the Family Advocacy office, is instructing mom-to-be Sandra Cutter, wife of Senior Airman Anthony Cutter, 652nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, during a prepared child birth class at Rafferty Hall recently. For more information on classes offered, call 643-1518.

Parent support group available

By Tony Schmidt
Staff Writer

New or expectant parents? Confused? Not sure of where to get help? There are many things you need to know, and the Family Advocacy Office at McClellan can help.

"The New Parent Support Program is designed to promote and enhance healthy families," said Jean Pritchard, Family Advocacy nurse. "There are a lot of little things parents-to-be do not know and our aim is to make them aware."

This prevention based program places emphasis on giving new parents the tools needed to be effective parents.

"A new baby brings joy as well as stress to a family," said Pritchard. "One of my jobs is to prepare new parents for the enormous task of preparing for and raising their chil-

dren." Pritchard is a registered nurse and also holds a master's degree in clinical psychology. Family Advocacy offers many classes to prepare new parents, such as the prepared childbirth classes. This is a series of six sessions that covers areas in relaxation techniques, pregnancy changes and the labor process.

They also offer a breastfeeding class and a prenatal class, which educates the parents on infant care and what to expect, while they are pregnant.

Family Advocacy also sponsors a parent-infant group. The parent-infant group allows the parents, of children 0-12 months, to meet and share ideas as well as lets the children interact with each other. To register for any of these classes visit the Family Advocacy office, on the second floor of the clinic. For more information, call the Family Advocacy office at 643-1518.

Clinic welcomes new pediatrician

The 77th Medical Group would like to welcome Dr. Gregory Brott to its staff. Brott is a board-certified pediatrician who will be joining Dr. John Seal in the McClellan pediatric clinic. Brott will be available two days a week to provide the full scope of services for children from birth through 10 years of age enrolled in TRICARE Prime at McClellan. Dr. Brott received his medical degree from the University of California and has spent 30 years as a staff pediatrician in both clinical and hospital settings for the Permanente Group - Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Sacramento. He also served in the United States Air Force. Appointments may be made through the Central Appointments System at (916) 643-7212.



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IMA program augments active duty

By Dawn Young
Public Affairs

Within the Air Force many programs have been started, done some good, and left as quickly and as quietly as they started. However, there is one program that evolved at McClellan in the early 1970's and is still going.

That program is the Individual Mobilization Augmentee Program, or more commonly referred to as the IMA program. The IMA program is "a special group of the Air Force Reservists who are assigned against National emergency shortfall positions and can be called up if active-duty personnel are suddenly shipped out," said Tom Brantley, McClellan's reserve advisor.

"The program dates back to starting at McClellan in the early 1970's, but it really started getting organized in 1978 with the deactivation of the 32nd and the 81st Maintenance Supply Squadrons and the 6th Air Logistics Center Augmentation Squadron, at Chico, Calif. At this time the 406th Combat Logistics Support Squadron, now the 10th Air Force was activated and the IMA program began to grow," said Brantley.

And grow it did. The IMA program grew to an all time high of having 475 positions filled in 1990.

"After Desert Shield/Storm and the downsizing of the active force, we began a decline in our funded IMA positions," said Brantley. Aiding in the decline of the numbers of IMA still attached to a variety of organizations throughout McClellan.

Organizations holding the majority of the positions are space and C3I systems, comptroller, contracting directorates and the 77th Air Base Wing. As closure comes upon the Reserve Affairs Office its duties transfer to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

The IMAs themselves will be offered to take other positions at different air logistics centers or chose positions that are vacant within the command. The IMAs may also use the Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center web page to look for vacant positions in other commands. Also available to them are retirement packages that might suit their needs.

"The IMA program has offered a lot of support to many organizations since its inception," said Brantley.

"The IMAs will be available to assist in turn in of supplies, equipment, closing of buildings and doing inventory and if necessary working on weekends to complete the mission," said Brantley. "The Reserve Affairs Office will be the point of contact for obtaining help from local reserve units or from other centers within the command using man-days.

The only cost to McClellan will be the travel and per-diem. As the workforce draws down the need for IMAs to fill in and work will increase."

The Reserve Affairs Office will be at McClellan until June 30, 2001 to support the IMA program.

More information can be found on the Reserve Personnel web site at www.ARPC.org/ARPC

AIR FORCE BITS

W-2 statements in the mail

Department of Defense employees should receive their 1999 Federal Tax and Wage Statements (Form W-2) by Jan. 29. Military and civilian employees who do not receive their W-2s by that date or who need to correct their W-2 should contact their base finance office or customer service representative for assistance. Air Force service members may request duplicate W-2s by calling 1-800-755-7413. If you do not receive a W-2 by Jan. 29, call the base finance office at 643-6965.

AF combats retention

The Air Force will develop a game plan to combat declining retention rates during a summit at the Pentagon. The Summit 2000 features officer and enlisted participants from all major commands, Air National Guard, Air Force Personnel Center and Air Staff. Among those speaking are Undersecretary of the Air Force Carol DiBattiste and Lt. Gen. Donald Peterson, Air Force deputy chief of staff for personnel. The findings and recommendations from the summit will become the baseline for developing Air Force Retention Game Plan 2000 – designed to create a positive shift in retention rates.

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